I CLAIM

1. A method comprising:

receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;

decoding a digital watermark from the image data; and

5   by reference to said digital watermark, accessing at least some of said depicted text in non-image form.

2. An index to a collection of electronic objects, at least one of said objects comprising an image depicting text, formed by use of the method of claim 1.

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3. A method comprising:

receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;

generating a non-image representation of at least some of said depicted text;

encoding a watermark in a representation of said image; and

15   associating with said watermark

4. The method of claim 2 in which said non-image representation comprises ASCII text.